(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, action has been initiated to ban business activities against these companies as they were part of a group of Companies who formed a cartel in the tender opened on 21.5.96, for the supply of Optical Firbe Cable.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An Enquiry Officer has been nominated by the Department and show cause notices have been issued to the Companies Representations received are under examination.

[Translation]

Derailment of Goods Train

228. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the derailment of goods train near Bhanwar Tank Railway Station (Katni – Bilaspur section in Madhya Pradesh) on February 3, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The accident was enquired by a Committee of Officers which has concluded that it occurred due to excessive difference in CBC height and tight gauge.

Setting up of Railway Crossing at Hatmabad

229. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from various Members of Parliament for setting up of a railway crossing at village Hatmabad of Bulandshahar district in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Telecom Advisory Committee

230. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to reconstitute the Telecom Advisory Committee in Palakkad, Kesuloo, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Telecom Advisory Committee for Palakkad and Kerala Telecom Circle have already been constituted upto 30.6.1999 and 31.12.1998 respectively. There is no separate TAC for Kesuloo and such areas are normally taken care of by the Circle TAC.

[Translation]

Ban on Obscene Advertisements

231. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government intend to ban the obscene advertisements being telecast on Doordarshan channels to protect the Indian culture;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(c) the number of obscene advertisements banned so far ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Doordarshan telecasts commercial advertisements as per guidelines prescribed in the code for commercial advertising. The Code inter-alia does not permit indecent or obscene advertisements.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.